

House Resolution 1008

By: Representative Drenner of the 86th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Betty Jean Walker for her contributions to civil rights and
2 desegregation in the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, through her hard work, Betty Jean Walker graduated in 1964 as the
4 Valedictorian of Peter G. Appling High School in Macon, Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, in 1968, Betty Jean Walker earned a Bachelor of Science degree in math from
6 Mercer University, becoming the first black female to graduate from Mercer University in
7 its history; and

8 WHEREAS, while attending Mercer University, Betty Jean Walker was a key organizer and
9 leader of the Poor People's March through Macon; and

10 WHEREAS, from 1968 to 1978, Betty Jean Walker was an extremely skilled teacher in the
11 Atlanta Public and Fulton County School Systems; and

12 WHEREAS, in 1980, Betty Jean Walker was listed in "Who's Who Among Black
13 Americans"; and

14 WHEREAS, as a Southern Bell loaned executive to the United Way, Betty Jean Walker
15 earned widespread recognition for her success in persuading big business and industry to
16 give generously; and

17 WHEREAS, Betty Jean Walker has lived an abundant life as a civil rights pioneer, teacher,
18 and mother of a 21 year old son; and

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
20 the members of this body recognize and commend Betty Jean Walker for her exemplary
21 contributions to civil rights and desegregation in the State of Georgia.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Betty Jean Walker.